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Paul, Gary, Sylvia, Howard, Dick only.

1970 review/ declassification-
progress on copying
additions to list.

I got Jim Lesar to phone Simmons this p.m. to see how the copying is p proceeding. A total of 574 pages has been done, but when a spot check showed some had been skipped by accident, Simmons decided (good!) to check the entire thing, so until that is completed and we are assured that there is no accidental omission, we will not have the copies.

Bob Smith, by comparing the list I gave him with other records, believes that about 200 pages once withheld had actually been published in the 26. He has not had a chance to go over the new list I got only today and immediately gave him.

Bob was all for not getting copies of the pages published, but I want every sheet. I have already discovered (see O in NO) that even the published exhibits of allegedly the identical document are doctored, one I recall having had a page and a half cut off entirely. So, I'm getting and will have every page. I'll also have Bob's list of these and, when I can, I'll compare each with the published version.

I will rpovide copies of these lists to ahyone wanting, but I suggest waiting for it is by no means ertain that even now the review has been completed and the list complete. Jim has inventoried the first lists (one CD not then found has been and he was going to check it this p.m.). This new list he now also has and will inventory. I think this will be more useful than a mere itemization of numbers. However, we also plan to note agencies of origin. The new list adds 15 entire CDs and bits if six. Hasty examination shows something new and what I've demanded and been refused: parts declassified. CD 294 b-c "2½ pages"; CD 1054, "first paragraph".

Thus far, only references are of "numbered" files. If others contain any declassified material, it is not indicated. And, with the persisting evasiveness, I'll be writing Rhoads again to ask again if the declassification has been completed. This new list is in apparent reaction to such a letter.

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